

**WASHINGTON** – “The state and federal agencies must get this plan right so our Valley receives its fair share of water.” This was Congressman Jim Costa’s response to a report released today by the Administration providing an update on the state and federal agencies’ work to address California’s long-term water challenges. The federal update, which can be viewed [here](#), focuses specifically on the work to complete the Bay Delta Conservation Plan (BDCP) – a plan with the dual goals of improving water deliveries to the Central Valley and southern part of the state as well as restoring the health of the Bay Delta.

Congressman Costa’s full statement is below:

“California’s crumbling infrastructure and flawed policies have cost our Valley water and jobs. While we’ve been able to scrape by on our annual water battles, the future of our region’s economy depends on long-term solutions. With stakes so high, the state and federal agencies must get this plan right so our Valley receives its fair share of water.

“Putting together a plan that works for all of California will not be easy, but we cannot afford to do nothing. To make real progress on this issue, the Administration must work with all of the local, state, and federal agencies involved. The Administration must also recognize the importance of sound science and the many factors degrading the health of the Delta.

“Moving forward, it’s important that the stakeholders believe that this plan is more than just an endless series of studies. Our state’s long-term water supply relies on implementing real solutions. I will continue to follow this process closely and work with all of the parties involved.”